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THURSDAY NIGHT, JULY 10, 1845.

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Dections for the "Union."

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the publication of our private letter

ented us from sending it off. It is now unnecessary, beg sews to quote from it, that no such remark we to the President about the organ, (so called;) and if it been, he would have repulsed it with the score which served. We also asked the favor of Mr. O'Sullivan to ish so much of the private letter we addressed to him e time ago, as relates to the course that we mean to us in regard to the public printing. One thing is ", (says the letter now before us,) that the man who such representations to the whig scribbler, knows with the about me, if he supposes that I would condeand such representations to the while scribbler, knows very little about me, if he supposes that I would condecent on its my private views with a public measure like the removal of Mr. Van Ness: or that I would stoop to secure the vote of all the representatives of New York, or of all Congress, by any act of mine."

"We cheerfully comply with the request which our respected and esteemed friend of the 'Union' thus informs us that he had intended to send, and copy the following from the characteristic 'private litter' referred to:

"Be assured, I shall preserve the

nuch was to be paid? We understand that the Postsaity of the case required something to but would be actually in debt some hu of dollars at the end of each quarter, if their pay were limited to the per centum on the postages. The Postmaster General very properly submitted the tion to the Attorney General, and we are grat fied to have it in our power to lay before the public the clear and forcible exposition given by that offi-cer of the law, which we think will be satisfactory

the opinion of the Attorney General, which he was satisfied was the true construction of the law; and ordered that the deputy postmasters be paid, the ensuing year, the same compensation which they had received during the last year. We lay before opinion of the Attorney General:

of \$6.25 for any one quarter, or of the proportional part of that sum for any fraction of a quarter, be authorized to credit himself, in a separate item in his account current, for extra commission on the postage of letters at 20 per cent., under the act of 3d March, 1845.

C. JOHNSON.

Postmaster General:

The subject is one of great interest, and of ex-treme delicacy. It is a matter of regret, that the question should be regarded as doubtful. The im-portance of a prompt and regular distribution of the mails, and of an efficient management of the post offices, must be acknowledged; while it is not desira-ble to claim for the department a discretionary pow-er, which may be liable to abuse. With a full ap-preciation of its importance, I have examined the subject with great care, and now give you the re-sults of that examination.

ment of the Post Office Department. By one of these, to be found in chapter 7, on the office of deputy postmaster, it is directed that the duties of his office "must be performed by himself, personally, or by a sworn assistant or assistants, whom he may employ to aid him when necessary; for the care and attention of every one of whom, he will be himself responsible to the department."

The law then gave to the deputy postmaster funds out of which he received his own compensation, and defrayed the expenses of his office. From the nature and extent of his duties, he required assistants to enable him to perform them. These assistants he was authorized to select and compensate. The mode of compensation made it his interest to consult economy, and a judicious selection is insured by his responsibility for their conduct. To perfect the system in this particular, the law gave to the General Post Office a controlling power to supprise the expenses, as well for assistants as for other objects, and authority to prevent unnecessary expenditure, or the employment of a larger number of assistants than was required for the proper performance of amorphysical duties.

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expenditure, or the employment of a larger number of assistants than was required for the proper
performance of appropriate duties.

The act of July 2, 1836, changed the organization
of the Post Office Department, and provided more
effectually for the settlement of the accounts thereof.
It required that the resenues arising in that department, and all debts due to the same, shall, when collected, be paid, under the direction of the Postmaster
General, into the treasury of the United States;
that the Postmaster General shall submit to Congress, at each annual session, specific estimates of
the sums of money expected to be required for the
service of the department in the subsequent year,
commencing on the first day of July, under several
specific heads—the first of which is, "compensation
to postmasters;" and the third section requires

The effect of this radical change in the fiscal affairs of the department, was to bring into the treasury all its revenues, and to keep there a separate account, crediting all its gross receipts, and charging payments for its maintenance. By annual appropriations, provision has been made for the compensation of postmasters; and out of these appropriations, the office expenses, inclusive of the pay of assistants, have been defrayed. The funds so appropriated and paid, were, by this act, expressly declared to be the revenue of the Post Office Department, and, as collected revenue, applied by appropriation to these objects of expenditure.

In this state of the law, the act of 3d March, 1845, was passed. It is entitled "An act to reduce the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department." It was manifest that this reduction of the rate was very great; and, although it was anticipated that a corresponding increase of mail-matter treated by investigation of the rate was very great; and, although it was anticipated that a corresponding increase of mail-matters would be invited into the efficient very execution.

statute, has been ascertained, are, when used in a subsequent statute, to be understood in the same sense." But where words have not been so employed, and their construction established, learned judges have felt themselves bound to construct them according to their plain and popular meaning. The application of these familiar rules to the laws on this subject, appears to me to lead us to conclusions so plainly, that I cannot doubt as to their correctness.

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tablishment.

It is a matter not to be regretted, that in the exercise of this discretionary power, the Postmaster General will find that Congress has furnished a guide in the act of 3d March, 1845, entitled "An act

I have the honor to be, sir, GOV. SHANNON.

Gov. Shannon left this city yesterday evening for is home in Ohio. It will be seen, by the following xtract from "The Newark (O.) Constitutionalist, that his friends in that State are preparing to re eive him with the warmest demonstra egard and confidence. We are happy to be able to ay that his visit to Washington, and his inter with the President and cabinet, have been produ of mutual gratification and good feeling-the recen

HONORS TO GENERAL JACKSON

Tributes of the public gratitude and respect con nue to pour upon us. We shall give place to as nany of them as we can publish. Among these, we shall insert the eulogiums of Messrs. Wood-bury, in Portsmouth, and John Van Buren, in Al-

James M. Mason, esq., is to deliver the oratio Judge Pliny Merrick delivers the eulogium in Bos

Col. L. A. Bingahan is the orator in Natchez.

The citizens of Baltimore are requested to me his evening, in their respective wards, to elect five delegates to a convention, for the purpose of making arrangements to erect a monument to the mem ory of General Jackson. Chief Justice Taney

Captain Duchman's handsome volunteer comp ny of Lancaster Fencibles, of Pennsylvania, arrived in Washington yesterday morning, on a visit; and were received with great hospitality by the Washington Light Infantry, commanded by Lieutenan McKean. They were treated to a noble collation at the National Hotel-the mayor of the city pre siding. They visited many of the public buildings; and, in the evening, they was to the President's Mansion, where they were courteously re-ceived by President Polk. To-day, they have visited Mount Vernon; and are to be received by their own distinguished townsman, Mr. Buchanan, the Secretary of State.

We understand that Professor Morse is about to ail for Europe in August, but he will return in time for the session of Congress. He will carry with him an improved copy of his celebrated telegraph. We have no doubt he will receive that distinguished attention from the savans and states-men of Europe, to which his extraordinary invenion-for the rapid communication of intelligence, superior, as it is, to any similar discovery of the age-so justly entitles him.

In the notices of naval orders, which appeared in the "Union" of last evening, it is neously stated that " Passed Midshipman Reuel Keith" had been appointed professor of mathematics, &c. Mr. Keith was not a "passed midshipman," but a civilian at the time of his appointment.

The repairs of the White House being nearly completed, and the rooms prepared for their recep-tion, the President and his family have left their private quarters, and returned, yesterday, to the Executive Mansion.

LIBERALITY.—The corner-stone of Grace church was recently laid in Prattaville, Greene county. It appears from the Catskill Democrat, that the Hon. Zadock Pratt contributed five hundred dollars towards the erection of this edifice, and his estimable lady gave the lot on which it is to be erected. It will be completed in September.—Albemy Argus.

OFFICIAL.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT. John Dougherty, assistant engineer in the Reve ue Marine, appointed a chief engineer, to suppl-

Our hero's gone! and no warlike sound Deafens th' affrighted ear; Nor ghastly corse, nor bleeding wound Forces the starting tear.

'Tis a nation's gratitude bespeaks
The heaving bosom's throe—
A nation's loss bedews the cheeks
Of a propile clad in wo.

Years have flown in rapid tide Since the cannon's thunder roar'd When Europe's scourge and England Shrunk from the hero's sword.

He's gone! whilst the fair, the brave, the wise Mourn for their loss! and prove That the snows of thirty winter skies Chill'd not his country's love.

A CARD!

Capt. Voorhees presents his compliments to Mr. Ritchie, and will be much obliged to him if he will have the accompanying letter inserted in the "Union."

THURSDAY EVENING.

WASHINGTON CITY, June 13, 1845.

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Sia: Having seen and heard, with much surpris of various publications in the newspapers of the day prejudicial to your conduct as commander the Congress, we, late warrant officers of the Cogress, pronounce the same as false, and having a authority from us, as has been stated.

The editors of the Portsmouth (Va.) Chronic having referred the public to the warrant of cers, or in words to that effect, for the truth the statements contained in their paper against yo now, we, the same warrant officers, pronounce the same as being unauthorized by us, and as not bein the truth. When you go to sea again, we shall a glad to sail with you. the truth. When you go to see any the truth. When you go to see any lad to sail with you.

With respect, sir, your obedient humble servants late warrant officers of the Congress,

JAMES MGILL, Carpenter.

SAM'L G. CITY, Gunner.

WM. BLACK.

CRIMINAL COURT.

THURSDAY, July 10, 1845.

The court met. Mr. McNulty and his covere present, and stated they were ready for one of the indictments. The counsel in Junied States offered certain memoranda of imony of witnesses before the committing rates, which he desired the opposite party to the would desire a postponement. Various

U. S. SHIP PRINCETON, mapolis Roads, July 3, 1845.

We have just anchored here, in 9 days from Ga

This ship has had a fine run from Galveston, averaging 200 miles per day, against a strong head wind for the first five days; and at no time carrying over 12 lbs. steam, which was frequently reduced to 6 lbs.

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We left Galveston on Monday evening, the 23d June, amid the rejoicings of the people and the roar of cannon, and had the statisfaction of seeing the stars and stripes (hoisted on the receipt of the news of annexation). proudly floating over the city, and from the shipping in the harbor.

The sloop-of-war Saratoga and brig Porpoise sailed in company with the Princeton—the former for Pensacola, and the latter for Philadelphis. The St. Mary's was to remain till the 26th, and proceed to Pensacola. The revenue-cutter Woodbury remains to convey our charge d'affaires, Major Donelson, to New Orleans. The health of the crews of the squadron was good, and we have only six upon the sick list of this ship.

The French brig La Pérouse sailed from Vers Cruz about a week previous to our leaving.

Her Britannic Majesty's ship Eurydics arrived at Galveston on the evening of the 17th ult., and sailed again (aupposed for the Balize) next morning at daylight. Spoke, June 27, off Tortugas, ship St. Petersburg, 20 days from Boston for New Orleans. Same day passed an English steamer standing for Havana.

W. H. P.

FROM CAMPEACHY.—The Mexican schooner Atrevida arrived yesterday from Campeachy, but brings no general news. We have been favored with the following extract of a letter received by her, but have no space for comments:

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"Campzacht, June 23, 1845.

"The garrison of Tabasco has declared in favor of the federal government, and called for the authorities that figured in 1834, with the exception of Santa Ana, who put down said system at that time. It appears the people remained quiet, and the commercial community were dissatisfied with the movement, fearful of its consequences and of the losses they might sustain."

[N. O. Jeffersonian Repub., July 3.

GEN. JOHN B. DAWSON.—This distinguished and good man died on the 26th inst., after a lingering illness. He has literally worn out his life in the service of his country. Brave, generous, ever mindful of favors, forgetful of injuries, devoted to his friends, incapable of meanness, he has lived for others, and for his country, without ever considering for a moment his own personal interests. It was, in the best days of Athens, considered the highest eulogy on a public servant, to say that he died poor. John B. Dawson has several times abandoned places of profit and pursuits certain to ensure wealth, at the call of his country, and he has died poor in this world's goods, but rich in public honors, in the affections of his friends, and in all those qualities of the heart which make men estimable in this world, and fit them for rest in heaven. Louisiana never gave birth to a more devoted son; she never toved one better; she will never mourn one with more heartfelt anguish and sincerity.

Washington Railroad—Reduction of Fere.—We learn that at a meeting of the board of directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, yesterday morning, it was voted that the fare jon the Washington road be two dollars between Washington and Haltimore, on and after Monday next; and that tickets for the round trip, which will be good for twenty-four hours, be thenceforth fixed at two dollars. The way-fare is to be charged at the same rate.

[Bell. Sus, July 10.

First Lieutenant William Chapman, to be captain June 8, 1845, vice Johnston, deceased.
Second Lieutenant John A. Whitall, to be fir lieutenant, June 8, 1845, vice Chapman, promoted.
Brevet 2d Lieutenant Mortimer Rosecrants, to be

First Lieutenant Daniel P. Whiting, to be capt April 18, 1845, vice Davis, dismissed. Second Lieutenant Hammissed. 1845, vice Davis, dismissed. Lieutenant Henry Little, to be first April 18, 1845, vice Whiting, promoted. Id Lieutenant John M. Jones, of the 5th

Second Lieutenant Calvin Hetzel, to be first lieu-enant, May 30, 1845, vice Johnson, cashiered. Brevet 2d Lieutenant James O. Handy, of the 5th infantry, to be second lieutenant, May 30, 1845,

II.—APPOINTMENTS.

Corps of engineers. 1. Cadet William H. C. Whiting, ieutenant, July 1, 1845.

Ordnance Dep

Stevens T. Mason, of Virginia, to be a storekeeper, May 15, 1845.

III.—The following named cadets, gradu the military academy, are attached to the a supernumerary officers, with the brevet of lieutenant, in conformity with the fourth se Brevet 2d Lieutenants attached to

2. Cadet Edward B. Hunt. 3. Cadet Louis Hébert. Brevet 2d Lieutenants attached to the c

4. Cadet William F. Smith. 5. Cadet Thomas J. Wood.

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23. Cadet Wm. T. Allen,
27. Cadet John W. Davidson,
29. Cadet James M. Hawes,
30. Cadet Newton C. Givens,
31. Cadet Rich. C. W. Radford
32. Cadet Deloss B. Sackett,
39. Cadet Joseph McElvain, Brevet 2d Lieutenants atta 8. Cadet Fitz-John Porter,
9. Cadet Josiah H. Carlisle,
10. Cadet George Edwards,
11. Cadet Henry Coppes,
12. Cadet Francis Collins,

Brevet 2d Lieuten Cadet Gordon Granger, Cadet Henry B. Clitz, Cadet William H. Woo Cadet David A. Russell

IV .- CASUALTIES.

Under the 4th section of the act of Co titled "An act respecting the org army, and for other purposes," a 23, 1842, the office of one inspects abolished, the President directs, that Col. Sylvester Churchill, the general, be honorably discharged for

Resignations. (3.)

Capt. Carlos A. Waite, of the 2d infantry, as assistant quartermaster, (only,) May 8, 1845.

Second Lieutenant Grafton D. Hanson, 8th infantry, June 1, 1845.

Second Lieutenant Alexander P. Stewart, 3d artillery, May 31, 1845.

Deaths. (3.) Capt. Burdett A. Terrett, 1st dragoons, at Fort Scott, Mo., March 17, 1845. Capt. Alexander Johnston, 5th infantry, at Pitts-burgh, Pa., June 8, 1845. Military Storekeeper Marcus C. Buck, ordnance department, at Washington Arsenal, D. C., May 7, 1845.

Dismissed. (1.) Capt. John P. Davis, 7th infantry, uartermaster, April 18, 1845.

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First Lieutenant Thomas S. J. John

First Lieutenant Thomas S. J. Johnson, 8th infantry, May 30, 1845.

V.—The officers promoted and appointed will join their proper stations and companies without delay; those on detached service, or acting under special instructions, will report, by letter, to the commanding officers of their respective regiments.

VI.—The usual leave of absence, allowed by the regulations, is hereby granted to the several graduates; at the expiration of which, (September 30,) they will join their proper stations and companies.

VII.—Acceptances, or non-acceptances of appointments, will be reported to the adjutant general of the army; and, in case of acceptance, the birth-place of the person appointed will be stated.

By order:

R. JONES,

Adjutant General.

Memorandum.—The name of Joseph Smith, a brevet 2d lieutenant in the 5th regiment of infantry, having been changed, by the legislature of the State of New Hampshire, to Joseph Parker Smith, he will hereafter be known and recognised in the army accordingly.

MARRIED.

At Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday morning, the 8th instant, by the Rev. Dr. Dz Witt, HENRY CHAPMAN, esq., member of the State Senate from Bucks county, to Miss NANCY FINDLAY, daughter of Francis R. Shunk, governor of Pennsylvania.

MASONIC.—A meeting of Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, will be held at their hall, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 12th street, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

D. HARK Secretary. D. O. HARE, Secretary.

July 10.

A CARD.—R. ESTEP (of the late firm of Estep day morn-ashington and Baltinatt tickets in the control of the cont

True copy. Test:
WALTER MITCHELL,
Clerk Charles County Cour

July 10-3tif

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—For sale the two-story brick house and lot, situated of the corner of Maryland avenue and Twelfth street now occupied by Mr. Bernhill. It contains eleven rooms with fire-places; has a good dry cellar; and is, in all respects, a most desirable residence for a private family. For further particulars, inquire of William B. Todd. July 10—2aw3wif

PURE WHITE LEAD! VERY CHEAP!
PURE WHITE LEAD (warranted) \$900
Extra do do do 2 87
Do No. 1 do do 1 72 Extra do do do 2 871
Do No. 1 do do 1 75
For sale by
CHARLES STOTT,
Corner 7th street and Pennsylvania avenue
July 9—6tif*

By A. Green, Auctioneer.

CROCERIES! GROCERIES!! AT AUCTION.—On Friday, the 11th instant, at 10 o'clock a. m., I shall sell at the grocery store of Mesars. Ball & Shreve, on 9th street, two doors above Dr. Patterson's drug store, the entire stock of groceries, teas, &c. contained in the establishment. We deem it unnecessary to enumerate the articles, as there is a general assortment of good family groceries, which will be sold in consequence of the gentlemen declining business.

Terms: All sums of and under \$25, cash; over \$25, a credit of two and four months, for notes satisfactorily endorsed.

A. GREEN,

July 8-d

ONLY 64 CENTS for an elegant fan at the cheap lace store, Pennsylvania avenue, between cheap lace store, Pennsylvania avenue, between 10th and 11th streets. Also, a full assortment of lace goods at reduced prices. Our ribands we are almost giving away; we only ask pay for doing them up. There can be much money saved by calling early for the above goods at J. T. & C. KING'S.

CARRIAGES, HARNESS, &c., AT AUCTION.—On Friday afternoon, 11th inat., at 5 o'clock, I will sell in front of my store, a first-rate assortment of Carriages, Harness, &c., viz:
Rockawaya, with standing and falling top.
Square carriages for four and six persons.
Buggies with leather top.
Very light square carriages, &c.
Also, two very superior close carriages.
Several sets of double and single harness.
Also, two very fine family horses.
WM. MARSHALL,
July 8—2t

July 8—2t By A. Green, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND LOT AT AUCTION.—On Monises, at 6 o'clock p. m., a new frame house and lot,
situated on the north side of New Yorksvenue, between 19th and 13th streets. The house is well
built, and of the best material, containing twelve
convenient rooms.

built, and of the best material, containing twelve convenient rooms.

Terms of sale: One-sixth cash; the residue in six equal payments, at six, twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, thirty, and thirty-six months, for notes bearing interest. A deed given, and a deed of trust taken.

A. GREEN, Auctioneer

FOR SALE, 300 cords of best quality yellow pine wood. Also, hickory, oak, and anthracite coal; which will be delivered for cash on reasonable terms.

PETER CASANAVE,